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V. Monitoring

Briefly describe any storm water monitoring activities that are not required by Order No. 01-182 that your municipality conducted, participated in, or received funding to conduct in the past fiscal year. These activities should correspond with the dollar amount you listed in Table 2. [None.](#)

VI. Assessment of Program Effectiveness

A. Attach a summary of the effectiveness of your storm water management program. This summary should include, at a minimum, the following:

1. An assessment of your agency's compliance with permit requirements, based on your responses to the questions in this form;

[The City of Covina is in compliance with the requirements of the permit and continues to improve its implementation of the various programs.](#)

2. Descriptions of any evaluation methods that your agency uses to determine the effectiveness of your storm water management program;

[The City continues to monitor the effectiveness of its stormwater program by keeping track of resident and business inquiries regarding stormwater, reported violations and staff feedback.](#)

3. A summary of the strengths and weaknesses of your agency's storm water management program;

[City staff from various departments is committed to the program and eager to learn more about proper implementation. High staff turnover, however, makes it difficult to maintain operating procedures. The lack of funding makes program implementation increasingly difficult, particularly given a shrinking City budget.](#)

4. A list of specific program highlights and accomplishments;

[This year there has been greater staff awareness of stormwater issues and better coordination between departments in efforts to ensure proper implementation of permit requirements.](#)

5. A description of water quality improvements or degradation in your watershed over the past fiscal year;

[The City does not have a mechanism in place at this time to track and document water quality improvement or degradation compared to prior years, but it is working with Los Angeles County, the Principle Permittee, to implement monitoring procedures and systems that will provide such information in the future.](#)

6. Interagency coordination between cities to improve the storm water management program;

[The City has cooperated closely with neighboring cities to share information and resources. One of the new inter-city programs is sponsorship of the Used Oil Racecar, which will assist Covina in promoting the recycling of used oil during Thunderfest and other City events. Valuable information has been shared with and received from the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Monrovia, La Puente and Downey, among others, and has led to improvements in various programs, particularly the Public Information and Municipal programs.](#)

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7. Future plans to improve your agency's storm water management program; and

Handouts, particularly for the Public Information and Development programs will be updated so that residents and project applicants can have updated informational materials.

8. Suggestions to improve the effectiveness of your program or the County model programs.

Additional funding is necessary in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the stormwater program.

- B. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being full implementation of requirements by their deadlines), rate your municipality's level of compliance with Order No. 01-182.

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- C. List any suggestions your agency has for improving program reporting and assessment.

The reporting process needs to be simplified and shortened.